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SY CHANNEL FOR RSO FROM SAS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

1. SAS RECENTLY DEBRIEFED FSO K. DUNLOP SCOTT CONCERNING HIS TRAVEL IN THE PRC AND USSR. SCOTT NOTED THAT WHILE TRAVELING VIA TRAIN FROM PEKING TO MOSCOW, HE MET A SOVIET NATIONAL WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS LEV NIKOLIOVICH YEBAFANOV (PHONETIC). YEBAFANOV CLAIMED TO BE A CIVIL ENGINEER ASSIGNED TO THE SOVIET TRADE MISSION (NFI), PEKING. A REVIEW OF AVAILABLE FILES REVEALED NO RECORD OF A SOVIET BY THE NAME OF YEBAFANOV.

2. SAS IS ATTEMPTING TO ACQUIRE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE INDIVIDUAL WHOM SCOTT MET. WE REQUEST RSO SEARCH AVAILABLE POST FILES UNDER THE NAME YEBAFANOV AND ANY LOGICAL DERIVATIVES. THE SOVIET WAS DESCRIBED AS 40 TO 45 YEARS OF AGE, 6' TO 6'1", SLENDER BUILD, WITH BROWN HAIR. HE CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO PEKING FOR THE PAST TWELVE TO EIGHTEEN MONTHS. HE WAS RETURNING TO MOSCOW ON HOME
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LEAVE. YEBAFANOV SPOKE EXCELLENT ENGLISH.

3. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO IDENTIFY YEBAFANOV, WE WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN ANY LOCALLY AVAILABLE INFORMATION WHICH WOULD INDICATE THAT HE MAY BE AFFILIATED WITH THE SOVIET INTELLIGENCE SERVICES. PLEASE RESPOND TELEGRAPHICALLY. CHRISTOPHER

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